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LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Original) A print server, for processing a print job sent by a workstation, the print server comprising:

a printer set-up module to provide a print driver for installation on the workstation;
and

an authentication module to supply an authentication code to the workstation, and to review the print job sent by the workstation to determine validity of a copy of the authentication code attached to the print job.

2. (Original) The print server of claim 1, additionally comprising:

a software library to contain the print driver and at least one additional print driver.

3. (Original) The print server of claim 1, additionally comprising:

a webpage interface to gather information from the workstation to indicate a preferred print driver to be sent to the workstation.

4. (Original) The print server of claim 1, additionally comprising:

a web page to present a questionnaire to a user of the workstation.

5. (Original) The print server of claim 1, additionally comprising:

a MAC address, transferred from the workstation to the print server, to aid in the authentication of the workstation.

6. (Original) A method of printing, comprising:

attaching a workstation to a LAN;
downloading and installing a print driver on the workstation;
downloading an authentication code to the workstation;
sending a print job, containing the authentication code, from the workstation to a print server;
verifying validity of the authentication code; and
sending the print job from the print server to a printer.

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7. (Original) The method of claim 6, additionally comprising:
obtaining information about the workstation; and
using the information to select the print driver from a library.
8. (Original) The method of claim 6, additionally comprising:
using a MAC address to assist in authenticating print jobs from the workstation.
9. (Original) The method of claim 6, additionally comprising:
using a webpage to present a questionnaire to a user of the workstation.
10. (Original) A method of authenticating a print job, comprising:
downloading and installing a print driver on a workstation;
downloading an authentication code to the workstation;
sending a print job, containing the authentication code, from the workstation to a print
server;
verifying validity of the authentication code; and
sending the print job to a printer.
11. (Original) The method of claim 10, additionally comprising:
gathering information from the workstation to indicate a preferred print driver to be
sent to the workstation.
12. (Original) The method of claim 10, additionally comprising:
using a MAC address to aid in authenticating that the print job was sent from an
authorized location.

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13. (Original) A processor-readable medium having processor-executable instructions thereon which, when executed by a computer, cause the computer to:

download and install a print driver on a workstation;

download and install an authentication code on the workstation;

send a print job, containing the authentication code, from the workstation to a print server;

verify validity of the authentication code using an authentication module on the print server; and

send the print job from the print server to a printer.

14. (Original) The processor-readable media of claim 13, having further instructions which cause the processors to:

gather information from the workstation to indicate a preferred print driver to be sent to the workstation.

15. (Original) The processor-readable media of claim 13, having further instructions which cause the processors to:

obtain information about the workstation; and

use the information to select the print driver from a library.

16. (Original) The processor-readable media of claim 13, having further instructions which cause the processors to:

use a MAC address aid in recognizing a location of the workstation.

17. (Original) The processor-readable media of claim 13, having further instructions which cause the processors to:

obtain information about the workstation from fields sent by a browser on the workstation.

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18. (Original) A print server, comprising:
a printer set-up module to provide a print driver for installation on a workstation; and
an authentication module to supply an authentication code to the workstation, and to
review a print job processed by the print driver and sent from the workstation to determine
validity of the authentication code attached to the print job.